

GIPPING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR 1971



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TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1971.

Vital Statistics

The Birth Rate has risen since last year, from 17.6 to 21.0. The National Rate is 16.0 per 1000 population. The Infant Mortality Rate (14 per 1000 live births) compares very favourably with the National Rate of 18.

The Death Rate (10.9) is higher than last year's Rate (9.9) but it is appreciably lower than the National Rate of 11.6

In the table of causes of Death (page 6) it will be noted that there has been a sharp rise in deaths from Lung Cancer. The part played by heavy cigarette smoking in causing this disease must surely by now be well known to everyone, yet people continue to smoke themselves to death. In 1971 in England and Wales, 6924 died from road accidents, but 25,142 died from Lung Cancer. The mean age at death was 66.4 years and it is estimated that the years of life lost per 10,000 of the population was 178.

In the table of causes of death there has also been an increase in the number of people dying from strokes (listed as Cerebro-vascular disease). 37 of the 40 deaths recorded occurred in persons aged 65 years and over. There are no other significant changes in the causes of death. 53% of the total number of deaths occurred in persons aged 65 years and over. Some of these people were fit and active to the last whilst others went through a long period of ill-health before they passed away.

Today the question is present in the minds of many people:-

"What is the recipe for good health?"

"Can an individual himself take any steps to ensure a long and active life?"

Longevity is linked in many cases with heredity. If your parents and grandparents lived to a ripe old age then you have a very good chance of doing likewise.

Children and young people no longer succumb, in large numbers, as they did a few decades ago, to Tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. Generally speaking they enjoy good health up to early middle age, but it is then that the rot begins to set in. When you come to think about it, life in the nineteen seventies, is for many people, not very conducive to good health. We are continually being pressurised to eat too much, to smoke too much and to sit around too much.

People who are overweight are more likely to die at an earlier age especially from heart and artery disease and chest complaints. The Life Assurance Companies have got it all worked out very thoroughly and they require larger premiums from obese persons because past experience has shown them that these people are at extra risk of an early death because of their overweight.

Another proof of the role played by obesity in causing disease is given by the health of people living in the under developed countries many of whom exist on a very meagre diet. There are very few cases among them of Coronary heart disease, high blood pressure and those other diseases which are brought about by over nutrition.

People in this country are beginning to realise the dangers of becoming too obese and many are taking steps to keep their weight down. They experience many difficulties; the fat producing Carbohydrate foods are highly convenient and cost less than the Protein food. Shops are filled with mouth watering goodies and Magazines contain tempting recipes which are beautifully illustrated. Much will power is needed to overcome these temptations, but there is no doubt that an adequate, well balanced diet containing plenty of protein (meat, eggs, cheese etc) and not too much Carbohydrate is one of the foundations of good health.

I have already mentioned the dangers of heavy smoking in relation to Lung Cancer. It is also responsible for many deaths from chronic bronchitis and coronary thrombosis.

As man advances into middle life he takes less and less exercise. He no longer indulges in outdoor games and for many, advancement in job or profession means less physical activity and more chairborn work in an office. This is one of the causes of 'Middle Age Spread'. People are unable to take enough exercise to balance the amount of food they eat. For healthy living some form of regular physical activity is highly desirable. This is particularly so in winter months when there is little to do in the garden, and our climate makes other outdoor activities uninviting.

However it is well worth making the effort whether it be walking, a keep fit class, cycling, swimming and so on. Perhaps there will be greater opportunities when the proposed Sports Halls get under way.

There is another very important factor in maintaining good health and that is - peace of mind. We have to learn to come to terms with Stress. Some persons by reason of their temperament are able to do this more easily than others. Again some people have almost intolerable burdens to carry whilst others have a relatively carefree life.

It is recognised that a certain amount of stress is a good thing; without it we should become tranquil vegetables unfitted to meet any of life's challenges. But for many people, life is a hard, worrying and unhappy business.

What can they do, if anything, to ease things?

Firstly it is necessary for the individual to recognise his limitations, to think about them and come to terms with them. Problems should be brought out into the open and if possible discussed with someone. It is also helpful to try to get on better terms with people and to try to understand their points of view. Unhappy, stressed people are often without many close friends. The ability to make and keep friends depends on forgetting one's own fears and anxieties and entering into the other person's hopes, feelings and worries. Good interpersonal relations are needed at all levels of life and with everyone with whom we come into contact. Problems cannot be solved by retreating into the make believe world of Pop and T.V. We must actually participate.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support and energy.

My thanks are also due to Mr. Morgan and the Staff of the Public Health Department for all their work during the year, and to the Clerk and other Officers of the Council for their co-operation and assistance. Thanks must also be given to Mrs. Rivers, Clerk to the Department, who has put in much hard work in the compiling and typing of this report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

K.M. HARDING,

Medical Officer of Health.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

|   |       |       |       |       |       |       |              |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
| Area                                      | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 78,464 acres |
| Population (Registrar General's Estimate) |       |       |       |       | ..... |       | 24,520       |
| Rateable Value                            | ....  | ....  | ....  | ....  | ....  | ....  | £713,784     |
| Sum represented by a Penny Rate           | ....  |       |       |       | ....  | ....  | £6,708       |

## BIRTHS

|              |      |      |      | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Total        | .... | .... | .... | 241  | 179    | 420   |
| Legitimate   | .... | .... | .... | 236  | 173    | 409   |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | .... | 5    | 6      | 11    |

## STILLBIRTHS

|              |      |      |      | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|--------|-------|
| Total        | .... | .... | .... | 2    | 3      | 5     |
| Legitimate   | .... | .... | .... | 2    | 3      | 5     |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | .... | -    | -      | -     |

## LIVE BIRTH RATE

|   |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total live and stillbirths                              | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 425  |
| Crude birth rate per 1,000 population                   |      |      |      | .... | .... | 17.1 |
| Comparability factor                                    | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1.23 |
| Local adjusted rate                                     | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 21.0 |
| Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births) |      |      |      |      | 3    |      |
| Birth rate England and Wales                            | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 16.0 |
| Stillbirth rate (per 1,000 total live and stillbirths)  |      |      |      |      | 12   |      |
| Stillbirth rate England and Wales                       | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12   |

## INFANT MORTALITY

|                    | Deaths of infants under one year |      |      |        |       |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|------|------|--------|-------|
|                    |                                  |      | Male | Female | Total |
| Total <sup>1</sup> | ....                             | .... | 4    | 2      | 6     |
| Legitimate         | ....                             | .... | 4    | 2      | 6     |
| Illegitimate       | ....                             | .... | -    | -      | -     |

Deaths of infants under four weeks

|              |      |      |      | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total        | .... | .... | .... | 4           | 2             | 6            |
| Legitimate   | .... | .... | .... | 4           | 2             | 6            |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | .... | -           | -             | -            |

Deaths of infants under one week

|              |      |      |      | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Total        | .... | .... | .... | 4           | 2             | 6            |
| Legitimate   | .... | .... | .... | 4           | 2             | 6            |
| Illegitimate | .... | .... | .... | -           | -             | -            |

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.....  | 14  |
| Infant Mortality Rate England and Wales .....   | 18  |
| Legitimate death rate per 1,000 legitimate live births .                                | 15  |
| Legitimate death rate England and Wales .....   | 17  |
| Illegitimate death rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births                              | NIL |
| Illegitimate death rate England and Wales .....   | 24  |
| Neonatal mortality rate   |     |
| (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births).....                                  | 14  |
| Neonatal mortality rate England and Wales .....   | 12  |
| Early neonatal mortality rate   |     |
| (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) .....                                 | 14  |
| Early neonatal mortality rate England and Wales .....                                   | 10  |
| Perinatal mortality rate  |     |
| (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per<br>1,000 total live and still births) | 26  |
| Perinatal mortality rate England and Wales .....  | 22  |

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Number of deaths .... .... .... .... .... .... nil

DEATHS

|           |      |      |      |      |      |        |     |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|-----|
| All cases | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | Total  | 267 |
|           |      |      |      |      |      | Male   | 141 |
|           |      |      |      |      |      | Female | 126 |

|  |      |      |      |      |
|--|------|------|------|------|
| Crude death rate per 1,000 population                    | .... | .... | .... | 10.9 |
| Comparability factor ....                                | .... | .... | .... | 0.98 |
| Local adjusted rate ....                                 | .... | .... | .... | 10.7 |
| Death rate England and Wales ....                        | .... | .... | .... | 11.6 |
| Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate .... |      |      |      | 0.92 |

COMPARITIVE STATISTICAL TABLE FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

|  | 1966   | 1967   | 1968   | 1969   | 1970   | 1971   |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Estimated population                     | 22,650 | 23,800 | 25,040 | 25,650 | 26,430 | 24,520 |
| Live Births                              | 409    | 426    | 409    | 423    | 370    | 420    |
| Crude birth rate                         | 18.06  | 17.9   | 16.3   | 16.5   | 14.3   | 17.1   |
| Local adjusted rate                      | 19.5   | 21.66  | 16.4   | 20.3   | 17.6   | 21.0   |
| Total infant deaths                      | 10     | 7      | 7      | 8      | 4      | 12     |
| Infant mortality rate                    | 24.45  | 18.3   | 17.0   | 19.0   | 11.0   | 14     |
| Total deaths                             | 263    | 195    | 271    | 272    | 262    | 267    |
| Crude death rate per<br>1,000 population | 11.61  | 8.2    | 10.8   | 10.6   | 10.1   | 10.9   |
| Local adjusted death<br>rate             | 10.0   | 8.2    | 10.2   | 10.6   | 9.9    | 10.7   |

CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH (Registrar General's Figures)

|  | M  | F | Total<br><u>1971</u> | Total<br><u>1970</u> |
|--|----|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Tuberculosis - respiratory             | -  | - | -                    | 1                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - buccal cavity etc | -  | - | -                    | 2                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - oesophagus        | -  | - | -                    | 1                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - stomach           | 4  | 2 | 6                    | 3                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - intestines        | 2  | 3 | 5                    | 8                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - lung, broncus     | 18 | 3 | 21                   | 11                   |
| Malignant neoplasm - breast            | -  | 3 | 3                    | 3                    |
| Malignant neoplasm - prostate          | 4  | - | 4                    | 3                    |
| Leukaemia                              | 1  | 1 | 2                    | 1                    |
| Other malignant neoplasms etc          | 11 | 7 | 18                   | 15                   |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasms       | 1  | - | 1                    | 1                    |
| Diabetes Mellitus                      | 1  | 4 | 5                    | 2                    |
| Anaemias                               | 1  | - | 1                    | 1                    |

|                                       | <u>M</u>   | <u>F</u>   | <u>Total</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                       |            |            | <u>1971</u>  | <u>1970</u>  |
| Mental disorders                      | -          | -          | -            | 1            |
| Multiple sclerosis                    | -          | -          | -            | 1            |
| Other diseases of nervous system etc  | 1          | 1          | 2            | 3            |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease       | -          | 1          | 1            | 3            |
| Hypertensive disease                  | 6          | 1          | 7            | 6            |
| Ischaemic heart disease               | 27         | 30         | 57           | 62           |
| Other forms of heart disease          | 3          | 10         | 13           | 21           |
| Cerebrovascular disease               | 16         | 24         | 40           | 27           |
| Other diseases of circulatory system  | 4          | 3          | 7            | 12           |
| Influenza                             | -          | -          | -            | 3            |
| Pneumonia                             | 16         | 15         | 31           | 41           |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema              | 3          | 1          | 9            | 5            |
| Asthma                                | 2          | 2          | 4            | 2            |
| Other diseases of respiratory system  | 1          | 2          | 3            | 1            |
| Peptic Ulcer                          | -          | 1          | 1            | 1            |
| Intestinal obstruction and Hernia     | 2          | 1          | 3            | -            |
| Other diseases of digestive system    | 1          | -          | 1            | 6            |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis               | -          | 2          | 2            | 1            |
| Diseases of Genito-Urinary system     | 1          | -          | 1            | 1            |
| Diseases of skin, Subcutaneous tissue | -          | -          | -            | 1            |
| Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal system   | -          | 2          | 2            | 1            |
| Congenital Anomalies                  | 1          | -          | 1            | 3            |
| Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc    | 1          | -          | 1            | 1            |
| Other cases of perinatal mortality    | 3          | 2          | 5            | -            |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions   | -          | -          | -            | 1            |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents               | 2          | 2          | 4            | 3            |
| All other accidents                   | 1          | 2          | 3            | 3            |
| Suicide and self inflicted injuries   | 2          | -          | 2            | 1            |
| All other external causes             | -          | 1          | 1            | 1            |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>141</b> | <b>126</b> | <b>267</b>   | <b>262</b>   |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

PERIOD DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1971

|                    | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------|
| Acute Pneumonia    | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |       |
| Dysentery          | -       | -        | -     | -     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |       |
| Food Poisoning     | -       | -        | -     | 1     | -   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        |       |
| Infective Jaundice | -       | -        | 1     | -     | -   | 1    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | 1        | 3     |
| Measles            | -       | -        | -     | 2     | 1   | -    | 1    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        | 4     |
| Scarlet Fever      | -       | -        | -     | -     | 1   | -    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        | 1     |
| Whooping Cough     | -       | 3        | 2     | -     | -   | 4    | -    | -      | -         | -       | -        | -        | 9     |
| Total              | -       | 3        | 3     | 3     | 1   | 6    | 1    | -      | -         | 1       | -        | -        | 18    |

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1971

|                    | Age in years |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |           |       |
|--------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-------|
|                    | 0-           | 1- | 2- | 3- | 4- | 5- | 10- | 15- | 25- | 45- | 65- | Not known | Total |
| Acute Pneumonia    | -            | -  | -  | -  | 6  | 8  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -         | 1     |
| Dysentery          | -            | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -         | 0     |
| Food Poisoning     | -            | 1  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -         | 1     |
| Infective Jaundice | -            | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | -         | 0     |
| Measles            | -            | 1  | -  | 6  | 8  | 1  | 2   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 3         | 3     |
| Scarlet Fever      | -            | -  | -  | -  | 1  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 1         | 1     |
| Whooping Cough     | 3            | 1  | 1  | 2  | 2  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   | -   | 9         | 9     |
| Total              | 3            | 2  | 1  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 2   | -   | 3   | -   | -   | 18        | 18    |

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES TOTALS FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS

| Disease               | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Acute Encephalitis    | -    | -    | -    | 1    | -    | -    |
| Acute Meningitis      | -    | -    | -    | 3    | -    | -    |
| Acute Pneumonia       | -    | 2    | 1    | -    | 1    | -    |
| Dysentery             | 7    | 15   | -    | -    | 2    | -    |
| Erysipelas            | -    | 1    | 1    | -    | -    | -    |
| Food Poisoning        | -    | -    | 2    | 1    | 28   | 1    |
| Infective Jaundice    | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 3    |
| Measles               | 239  | 340  | 70   | 61   | 264  | 4    |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum | -    | -    | 1    | -    | -    | -    |
| Poliomyelitis         | 2    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| Puerperal Pyrexia     | 2    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    |
| Scarlet Fever         | 16   | 10   | 7    | -    | 4    | 1    |
| Whooping Cough        | 13   | 8    | -    | 3    | 2    | 9    |

## TUBERCULOSIS

### (1) New Cases Notified

|  |      |     |        |     |
|--|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Pulmonary (lungs)                        | Male | 2   | Female | 1   |
| Non-Pulmonary<br>(Glands, bones, joints) | Male | nil | Female | nil |

### (2) Ages of new cases

|           |      |    |        |    |
|-----------|------|----|--------|----|
| Pulmonary | Male | 26 | Female | 27 |
|           |      | 16 |        |    |

|               |      |     |        |     |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|

### (3) Inward Transfers

|           |      |     |        |     |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|

|               |      |     |        |     |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|

### (4) Cases crossed-off register as recovered during the year

|           |      |     |        |   |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|---|
| Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | 1 |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|---|

|               |      |     |        |     |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|

### (5) Died during the year

|           |      |     |        |     |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|

|               |      |     |        |     |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|

### (6) Outward Transfers

|           |      |     |        |     |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|-----------|------|-----|--------|-----|

|               |      |     |        |     |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | nil | Female | nil |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|

### (7) Cases on Register at end of year

|           |      |    |        |   |
|-----------|------|----|--------|---|
| Pulmonary | Male | 12 | Female | 7 |
|-----------|------|----|--------|---|

|               |      |   |        |   |
|---------------|------|---|--------|---|
| Non-Pulmonary | Male | 1 | Female | - |
|---------------|------|---|--------|---|

(9) Statistics for the past six years

|                       | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Primary Notifications | 4    | 5    | 3    | 1    | 2    | 3    |
| Transfers In          | 1    | 3    | 3    | 2    | -    | -    |

## **FOOD POISONING**

(1) Notifications (corrected) returned to the Registrar General

1st Quarter      2nd Quarter      3rd Quarter      4th Quarter

nil 1 nil nil

Total cases - 1

(2) Outbreaks due to identified agents

Total outbreaks - nil      Total cases      nil

### **Outbreaks due to:-**

- (a) Chemical Poisons nil
  - (b) Salmonella Organisms nil
  - (c) Staphylococci (including toxin) nil
  - (d) Cl. Botulinum nil
  - (e) Other bacteria nil

(3) Outbreaks of undiscovered cause

Total outbreaks nil      Total cases - nil

#### (4) Single Cases

Agent identified - nil

Agent unknown - nil

Total cases - nil

VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNISATION (Figures kindly supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health)

### (1) Vaccination Against Smallpox

- (a) Number of primary vaccinations in 1971 - 158  
(b) Number of re-vaccinations in 1971 - 4

## (2) Immunisation

Number of persons receiving immunisation in 1971 for:-

|                              | <u>Primary</u> | <u>Booster</u> |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis | 255            | 38             |
| Diphtheria/Tetanus           | 31             | 294            |
| Tetanus                      | 15             | 161            |
| Sabin Polio (oral)           | 287            | 428            |
| Measles                      | 289            | -              |
| Rubella (German Measles)     | 145            | -              |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action was taken, under this Act during the year.

## WATER SUPPLIES

(a) Public Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

Samples from our mains and borewells were as follows:-

(b) Private Supplies - Bacteriological Examination

|    |                      |                |    |
|----|----------------------|----------------|----|
| 1. | <u>Borewells</u>     | Satisfactory   | 11 |
|    |                      | Unsatisfactory | 9  |
| 2. | <u>Deep-wells</u>    | Satisfactory   | 2  |
|    |                      | Unsatisfactory | -  |
| 3. | <u>Shallow-wells</u> | Satisfactory   | -  |
|    |                      | Unsatisfactory | -  |
| 4. | <u>Pond Supply</u>   | Satisfactory   | -  |
|    |                      | Unsatisfactory | -  |

(c) The number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is given below according to parish distribution:-

| <u>Parish</u>       | <u>Laid on to properties</u> | <u>Taken from standpipes</u> |
|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Ashbocking          | 82                           | 4                            |
| Ashfield-cum-Thorpe | 44                           | -                            |
| Badley              | 15                           | -                            |
| Barham              | 236                          | -                            |
| Barking             | 103                          | -                            |
| Battisford          | 128                          | -                            |
| Baylham             | 68                           | -                            |
| Bramford            | 749                          | -                            |
| Buxhall             | 102                          | -                            |
| Claydon             | 493                          | -                            |
| Coddenham           | 168                          | -                            |
| Combs               | 156                          | -                            |
| Creeting St. Mary   | 215                          | 1                            |
| Creeting St. Peter  | 54                           | -                            |
| Crowfield           | 82                           | -                            |
| Debenham            | 415                          | 3                            |
| Flowton             | 28                           | -                            |
| Framnsden           | 98                           | -                            |
| Gipping             | 10                           | -                            |
| Gosbeck             | 59                           | -                            |
| Great Blakenham     | 153                          | -                            |
| Great Bricett       | 39                           | -                            |
| Great Finborough    | 151                          | -                            |
| Harleston           | 54                           | -                            |
| Haughley            | 369                          | 1                            |
| Helmingham          | 60                           | -                            |
| Hemingstone         | 50                           | -                            |
| Henley              | 163                          | 1                            |
| Little Blakenham    | 94                           | -                            |
| Little Finborough   | 13                           | -                            |
| Mickfield           | 35                           | 1                            |
| Needham Market      | 683                          | -                            |
| Nettlestead         | 26                           | -                            |
| Offton              | 86                           | -                            |
| Old Newton          | 226                          | -                            |
| Onehouse            | 181                          | -                            |
| Pettaugh            | 54                           | -                            |
| Ringshall           | 65                           | -                            |
| Shelland            | 19                           | -                            |
| Somersham           | 219                          | -                            |
| Stonham Aspal       | 147                          | 5                            |

| <u>Parish</u> | <u>Laid on to properties</u> | <u>Taken from standpipes</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Stonham Earl  | 148                          | -                            |
| Stonham Parva | 90                           | 2                            |
| Stowupland    | 641                          | -                            |
| Wetherden     | 142                          | -                            |
| Whitton       | 10                           | -                            |
| Willisham     | 67                           | -                            |
| Winston       | 44                           | -                            |
| <br>Totals    | <br>7384                     | <br>18                       |

#### WELL WATER CYANOSIS

|                                 |       |       |   |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---|
| Number of samples taken in 1971 | ..... | ..... | 9 |
| Number considered safe          | ..... | ..... | 9 |
| Number considered doubtfull     | ..... | ..... | - |
| Number considered unsafe        | ..... | ..... | - |

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

152 inspections of registered food premises were made during the year.

Statistics relating to registration under the Act are:-

Ice Cream - 47      Sausages - 3      Fish Frying - 7

#### Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

| <u>Type of Premises</u> | <u>No. of Premises</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Bakeries                | 4                      |
| Cafes                   | 4                      |
| Canteens                | 6                      |
| Clubs                   | 4                      |
| Food Factories          | 2                      |
| Food Shops              | 80                     |
| Hotels                  | 1                      |
| Public Houses           | 45                     |

MEAT INSPECTION

|  | CATTLE<br>EXCLUDING<br>COWS | COWS | CALVES | SHEEP<br>AND<br>LAMBS | BOARS<br>PIGS<br>SOWS |
|--|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Number killed<br>and inspected   | 872                         | 250  | 34     | 137                   | 105447                |
| <u>All diseases except</u>   |                             |      |        |                       |                       |
| <u>Tuberculosis and</u>  |                             |      |        |                       |                       |
| <u>Cystercerosis</u>   |                             |      |        |                       |                       |
| Whole carcases<br>condemned  | 10                          | 7    | 8      | 2                     | 793                   |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned   | 109                         | 65   | 3      | 13                    | 31,320                |
| Percentage of the<br>number inspected<br>affected with diseases<br>other than tuberculosis<br>or cystercerosis | 13.6                        | 28.8 | 32.3   | 10.9                  | 30.4                  |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u>   |                             |      |        |                       |                       |
| Whole carcases condemned   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | -                     |
| Carcases of which some<br>part or organ was<br>condemned   | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | 1970                  |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis  | -                           | -    | -      | -                     | 1.86                  |

|   | CATTLE<br>EXCLUDING<br>COWS | COWS | CALVES | AND<br>LAMBS | SHEEP | BOARS<br>PIGS<br>SOWS |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|
| <u>Cystercerosis</u>                                |                             |      |        |              |       |                       |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | -                           | -    | -      | -            | -     | -                     |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration   | -                           | -    | -      | -            | -     | -                     |
| Generalised and totally condemned                   | -                           | -    | -      | -            | -     | -                     |

The method of disposal for condemned meat is collection for rendering down by an approved firm.

#### POULTRY INSPECTION

- (i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district 4
- (ii) Number of visits to poultry processing premises 99
- (iii) Total number of birds processed during the year 6,840,000
- (iv) Types of birds processed -
  - Turkeys 5,000
  - Ducks nil
  - Hens 150,000
  - Broilers 6,600,000
  - Capons 85,000
- (v) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption 0.5
- (vi) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption 98,000lbs

#### BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

By agreement with the East Suffolk County Council, Public Health Officers are responsible for the routine sampling for examination of all milk supplied in this Rural District. In cases where infection is found restraint notices are served.

## Examination of Milk Supplies

|                          |                   |                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Statutory</u>         | 9 samples taken.  | All results satisfactory. |
| <u>Chemical Analysis</u> | 1 sample taken.   | Result satisfactory.      |
| <u>Biological</u>        | 12 samples taken. | All results satisfactory. |
| <u>Antibiotics</u>       | 27 samples taken. | All results satisfactory. |

## HOUSING

### Summary of Housing Activities

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of houses inspected  | 177 |
| Number found unsatisfactory   | 177 |
| Number rendered fit by -  |     |
| (a) informal action   | 75  |
| (b) action under Public Health Act  | nil |
| (c) action under Housing Act  | 10  |
| Number of Demolition Orders secured   | 10  |
| Number of dwellings included in Clearance Areas secured                               | nil |
| Number of dwellings demolished under Demolition Orders                                | 4   |
| Number of dwellings demolished under Clearance Orders                                 | nil |
| Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were made                      | 21  |
| Housing Act 1969 - Number of Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard) approved | 61  |

I am indebted to Mr. M.B. Gowers, Engineer and Surveyor, for the following report:-

#### (a) Council Houses

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Completed                     | 45  |
| Under construction (31.12.71) | 50  |
| Total completed (post war)    | 950 |

#### (b) Private Houses (Permanent)

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Completed                  | 59   |
| Under construction         | 101  |
| Total completed (post war) | 2698 |

(c) Private Houses (Temporary)

|                               |     |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Completed                     | nil |
| Under construction (31.12.71) | nil |
| Total completed (post war)    | 27  |

Grand total of Housing units completed in the post-war period to 31st December, 1971, is therefore, 3675.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The position at the end of the year was as follows:-

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <u>Schemes completed -</u>    | Crowfield<br>Haughley Green  |
| <u>Schemes contemplated -</u> | Combs and Battisford<br>Creeting Bottoms, Creeting St. Mary<br>Debenham Extension<br>Ringshall and Great Bricett<br>Stowupland Extension |

FACTORIES ACT 1961

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health

| Premises  | Number on Register | Number of   |                 |                      |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|   |                    | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers prosecuted |
| (i) Factoris in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced      | 2                  | 2           | nil             | nil                  |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced | 105                | 18          | 2               | nil                  |
| (iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced               | 5                  | 2           | nil             | nil                  |
| Total   | 112                | 22          | 2               | nil                  |

(2) Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars                    | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |                   |                   | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |  |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
|                                | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred          |                   |   |  |
|                                |   |          | To H.M. Inspector | By H.M. Inspector |   |  |
| Want of cleanliness            | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Overcrowding                   | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Unreasonable temperature       | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Inadequate ventilation         | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Sanitary Conveniences          |   |          |                   |                   |   |  |
| (a) insufficient               | 1   | -        | -                 | 1                 | -   |  |
| (b) unsuitable or defective    | 2   | 2        | -                 | 1                 | -   |  |
| (c) not separate for sexes     | -   | -        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Other offences                 | -   | 0        | -                 | -                 | -   |  |
| Total                          | 3   | 2        | -                 | 2                 | -   |  |

No outworkers were reported during the year.